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Treasury, as such a course is opposed to the statutory rules issued by the Governor-General in Council with the previous approval of the Secretary of State in Council.

Repayment of deposits can, according to the rule laid down in article 351 of the Madras Financial and Account Code, be made only on the appearance and on the receipt of the person entitled to it, although in the case of deposit amounts which do not exceed Rs. 100, repayment may be made by money order.

In the case of lapsed civil court deposits, notices are usually given to parties through the *Fort St. George Gazette* or District Gazette, a month before the date of the lapsing of the sums to Government.

The Government do not consider it necessary to modify the existing rules, as it is primarily for the party concerned to make arrangements for receiving the amount due to him, and as the adoption of the course suggested is open to *obvious objection.*

Railways

Construction of a new railway to connect Bhadrachalam with the Madras-Calcutta main line.

*1021 *Q.*—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct a new railway line connecting Bhadrachalam with the Madras-Calcutta main line either at Ellore or at Nidadavole in the West Godavari district; and

(*b*) if so, in what stage the said proposal is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) An Engineering Reconnaissance Survey has been carried out for a line of railway from Ellore to a point on the Godavari river opposite the mouth of the Sabari river, a distance of about 70 miles. No decision can be arrived at until a Traffic Survey of the Ellore-Sabari Valley Railway for which the Railway Board's sanction has been applied for, is carried out.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"May I know, Sir, whether the relative advantage of taking a new railway line from Nidadavole to Sabari Valley instead of from Ellore to Sabari Valley has been considered, and if not, whether Government propose to advise the authorities concerned to examine the matter?"

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR:—"I must ask for notice, Sir."

Alleged inconveniences in Railway stations in the M. & S. M. Railway.

*1022 *Q.*—Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government Inspector of Railways has been drawn to the inconvenience and risk of falling into the railway line on account of the distance that separates the platform from the footboard of railway carriages at Mailpati Railway station of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway;

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(*b*) whether the attention of the Government Inspector of Railways has been drawn to the inconveniences and dangers the passengers are subjected to on account of the ground level platform in Ranipet station of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, and whether the Government will draw the attention of the authorities concerned as to the desirability of constructing a raised platform as early as possible ;

(*c*) whether passengers are put to inconvenience in purchasing tickets owing to the location of the booking office upstairs at the Jalarpet Railway station; and whether the Government propose to direct the Railway Company to keep the booking office on the ground floor ; and

(*d*) whether, in view of the fact that prisoners intended for the Torappadi Jail have to be escorted occasionally all the way from Katpadi to Torappadi, a distance of six miles by walk, the Government propose to instruct the South Indian Railway to open a station at Torappadi which will also be very convenient for the inhabitants of the surrounding villages?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Senior Government Inspector of Railways has been consulted in the matter and he does not consider that any alteration is necessary.

(*c*) The Senior Government Inspector of Railways has reported that there have been some complaints but he and the Agent, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, consider that the location of the booking office upstairs is the most convenient and suitable arrangement.

(*d*) No complaints have been received of any inconvenience caused by the absence of a station at Torappadi and the Government see no necessity to address the South Indian Railway authorities as suggested.

Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU :—" Will the hon. the Finance Member be pleased to forward the answer to the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway for favourable consideration ? "

Books and Publications

Alleged seizure by the Police of copies of Bharathi's songs.

1023 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the City Police have taken possession of a large number of copies of Bharathi's songs under a search warrant issued by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras ;

(*b*) whether the search warrant was issued in consequence of an order of the Government of Burma forfeiting the books ;

(*c*) whether the Burma Government sent a copy of their order to this Government and, if so, whether this Government took any action on the same ;

(*d*) whether the Government of Madras have issued an order permitting the use of songs in schools recognized by the Government and, if so, the date and number of the order ;

(*e*) whether the order referred to in (*d*) is still in force or whether it has been cancelled ; and if so, when ;

(*f*) whether the Chief Presidency Magistrate took action of his own accord or on a requisition by the Police or otherwise ;